

CHAD BROCK



Country singing sensation and former Sailor Chad Brock expressed his appreciation to the United States Armed Forces at a free concert on Dec. 28, 2001 at the Club Pearl Complex on Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Chad Brock, well-known country singer, gave a free concert for military and their dependents Dec. 18 at the Club Pearl Naval Complex. Brock, known for such hits as “Yes,” “Lightning Does the Work” and “Ordinary Life,” gave the performance as a token of his appreciation to the United States Armed Forces.

A former Navy Sailor who served on the USS Coral Sea (CV-43), Brock said that he wanted to say thank you to those serving their country. “It’s called giving back. I wish that I could have spent more time in the Navy because I really enjoyed it,” said Brock.

Due to a medical condition, the singer had to give up his Navy career but wants to support his country through his music. He first started doing military concerts in 1997.

“I know that it is hard for these people to do what they do, having to be away from home for long periods of time from spouses and children. I thought, why not bring them the music,” Brock explained.

He said that doing military concerts also gives him a chance to visit places that he has never been. Hawaii is the 49th state that he has visited and the country singer confessed that performing at Pearl Harbor has been on his wish list for awhile.

“I wanted to play Pearl Harbor. It has been a focal point for the Navy for 65 years and a long time ago when I was in the Navy, I wanted to come here and I wasn’t able to,” said Brock. Pearl Harbor was the country performer’s last concert for 2001. However, his top goals for the new year are far from musical. As a new-

lywed and expectant father, in addition to being the father of a teenager who will soon attend high school, he has nothing but family in mind.

Brock said that he and his band are putting together a great album and people can expect to be surprised. But he emphasized that the highlight of his year is going to come from the delivery room. “My 2002 high is going to be seeing my baby born. I don’t think that anything can outdo that,” he said. Although he plans to devote a lot of time to his family this year, the singer promises that fans will not be let down.

“We have put together some great songs and the new album is just going to rock,” he promised. According to Brock, he is going back to the Southern rock influences in his life and spicing up country and trying to get some “guy music” on the radio.

“Country music is pretty much all female; guys really do not have any music. So I want to rock things up a bit so that guys are turning it up instead of off,” he explained.

Fans definitely had a sample of “rockin” Chad Brock firsthand at Club Pearl. Men, women and children all took to the new Brock.

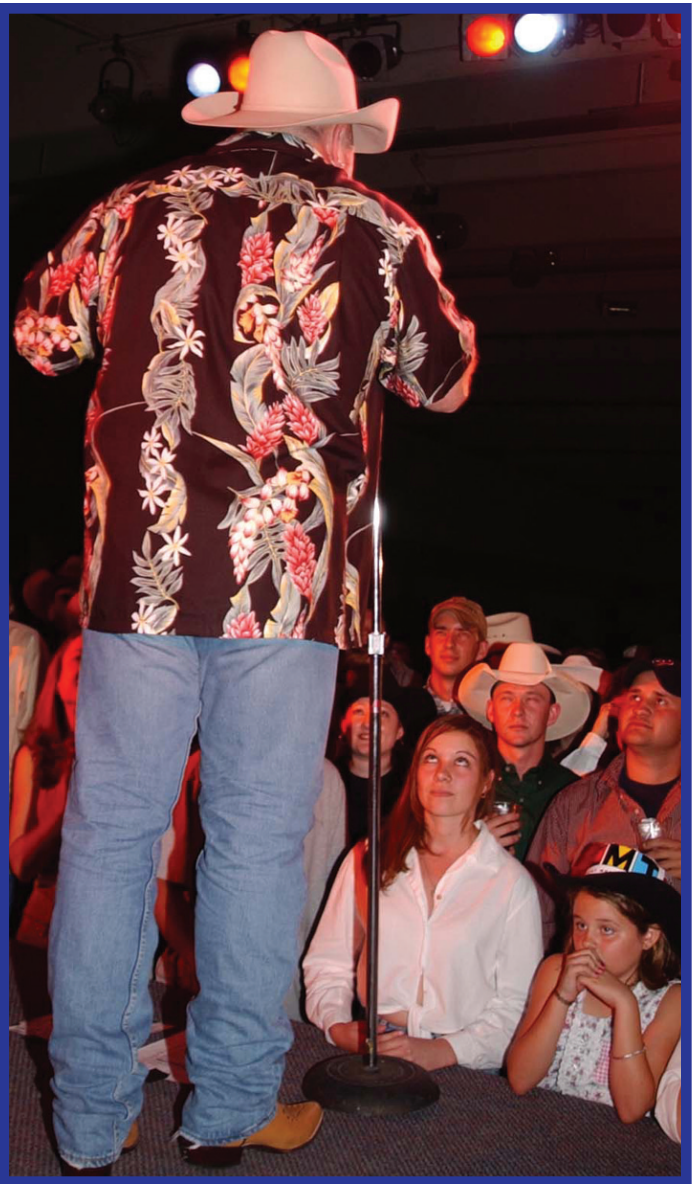
“I was amazed at how awesome he performed. I think we can expect great things of him,” said Mike Rhodes, a helicopter pilot for the Army.

Brock touched hearts with his song to the nation, “Red, White and Blue.” Fans shed tears and raised glasses as the country artist sang the beautiful ballad about our country. “I send my love, thanks and appreciation out to all of the military and my best wishes go out to the troops fighting. May God bring them home safe,” Brock said in a toast to the military at the end of his concert.

The singer and his band ended their trip to Hawaii with a tour of the USS Arizona Memorial. “I wanted to see firsthand the men I needed to thank for all I am able to have,” he said.



Young fans join Brock on stage for a picture.



Fans shed tears as Brock sings his song “Red, White and Blue”, a tribute to America.



Two young fans clap their hands and sing along with Chad to his hit “Yes.”



A soldier from HHC 2nd Brigade at Schofield Barracks pals up for a photo with singer and fellow Florida Gator fan Chad Brock.



Brock gave a toast to salute Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen. He wished them home safely and sent out his best wishes for their families.